

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, line 7, as follows:

This is the U.S. national stage of PCT/US03/10560 filed April 2, 2003, which claims  
priority ~~Priority is claimed~~ to U.S. provisional application number 60/369,594, filed April 2,  
2002, which is herein incorporated by reference.

Please insert the following paragraphs beginning on page 2, at line 12:

FIG. 1 is a graph showing a comparison of the average molecular weight to the  
percent deacetylation.

FIG. 2 is a graph showing a comparison of the average molecular weight to the  
percent purity of chitosan.

FIG. 3 is a graph showing a comparison of the percent purity of the chitosan to  
the percent deacetylation of the chitosan.

Please delete the graph beginning at page 10, line 1.

Please delete the graph beginning at page 11, line 1.

Please delete the graph beginning at page 12, line 1.